THE FINISH OF MR. THOMAS.

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HUGO KELLY PUTS JOE THOMAS AWAY IN FIVE ROUNDS

Middleweight Who Lasted Thirty-two Rounds With Ketchel Proves No Match for Clever Chicago Fighter in Fairmont Bout.



For two hard months he trained faithfully. And in thirteen minutes last night he was knocked out by Hugo Kelly at the Fairmont A. C. Worst of all, he was knocked out without even mak-

Poor Joe! He never had a chance. Thin-waisted, clear-skinned, the picture of athletic health and strength there was no stamina underneath

O, what a goodly outside falsehood

The many game fights with walloping Stanley Ketchel-that fierce thirty-two rounds of the third fighthad sapped his vitality.

It was a poor fight that Kelly and Thomas made, yet when it was all over the spectators filing slowly out had no criticism to offer. Sympathy for

First Round Was Good.

first round was as pretty an exition of boxing skill as you would ant to see. Kelly, light and easy in

nding and receiving a few punches Kelly missed like a blind man. It was too raw. The crowd hissed. A small boy in the gallery called out: "Put on the final bout!" Others with less wit

The fourth round started in the same way, both pulling their punches. Now and then they clinched and bluffed at landing blows. Johnny Frayne, anxious kept calling out: "Pretty work, Joe" But there was more and more hissing.

Crowd Commences to Hiss.

Shrubb Makes World Record in 15-Mile Race



FIGHTS TO-NIGHT.

tralian champion, will battle for ten other bouts between evenly matched At the New Polo A. A. stag, th outs: Jeff G'Connell vs. Joe Hurley, Chester vs. Young Herbert, Young Dixon vs. Jess Gaffney, and two

MANHATTAN OF ERA HOUSE.

FOR 3 ROUNDS KELLY MISSED CAREFULLY. WHEN KELLY MISSED AND LEFT HE FIERCE THOMAS THOUGHT HEART PUNCH TOO SLOWLY THAT BROUGHT TO TAKE THE FINISH. ADVANTAGE

BATTLING NELSON TELLS THE STORY OF HIS FIRST FIGHT WITH JOE GANS

Alleged Foul Blow That Lost Him Battle Was Same Used Later to Knock Out the Colored Man.

BY BATTLING NELSON. CHAPTER XXI.

MMEDIATELY after the Herrera flasco I began another theatrical tour, which finally landed me in Chicago. Joe Gans had been follow-L ing me for some time, and he would appear on the stage of the various show houses and challenge me for a fight.

Here on June 25 He followed me into a newspaper office in Boston one day and became so persistent that we almost came to blows. I refused to listen to his talk According to a report from Washing- for a long time and many sporting writers and the general public won-

James A. Rector, the speed marvel of Finally the entire coterie Crowd Commences to Hiss.

the University of Virginia, and R. E. writers the country over came out and picked up a Goldfield Sun, which demanded a meeting between Gans and stated that Jack Clifford had arrived Olympic games in London last summer, I had beaten all the lightweights in the camp, and the club promoters were adhave been matched for a race to take country, and it was up to him and me to vertising for an opponent for Clifford

m inclined to think, in the light of hat followed, that Thomas was already to have been matched for a race to take place at Traver's Island on June 25.

Rector has already started training, sess was willing to stall as long as lelly let, him, while Kelly, seeing that homas was all in, nursed, him along stead of giving him a Salor Burke eatment.

But the hisses stung, I could see Kelly salors in the helses stung, I could see Kelly reach this country about May 15.

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Rector has already started training, settle for once and all the question as for Labor Day. As I had enjoyed a good rest and was just aching for a good rest and was just aching for a fight I sent a telegram to the Sun, information to a meeting.

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Just about this time Goldfield, Nev., was in the height of its boom, and ceived an answer asking me what my

Hurley and Griffin Will Put Up Slam-Bang Ten-Round Battle

> Little Fellows Will Clash in Ring at National A. C. To-Night.

Jimmy Rector

to Race Walker

posite weights will figure in the main bouts at the

Nelson Made Protest. ade a vigorous protest, claiming

overwhelming favorite, people bett \$500 to \$100 that I would win. The was scarcely a taker in sight. At that round it was impossible to fo Gans to fight, as he would hold, he on, clinch, stall, back up and away.

the forty-second round it was

ver three rounds more at the outside, buring the latter part of the contest ans went back to his corner several mes vomiting. As he reached his orner at the end of the forty-first ound, he heaved violently and I could ell by his condition that his finish was ever near.

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